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### ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE EIGHTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 11 – 14 JULY 2017

This revised annotated agenda<sup>1</sup> has been prepared by the Technical Secretariat (hereinafter “the Secretariat”) to guide and assist members of the Executive Council (hereinafter “the Council”) in their substantive preparations for its Eighty-Fifth Session. It lists the items of business for the session in the sequence in which they appear in the provisional agenda set for it (see agenda item two below).

#### 1. AGENDA ITEM ONE – Opening of the session

The Eighty-Fifth Session of the Council will be opened in The Hague by the Chairperson of the Council, Ambassador Sheikh Mohammed Belal of Bangladesh, at 10:00 on 11 July 2017.

#### 2. AGENDA ITEM TWO – Adoption of the agenda

The Council is **requested** to consider and adopt the following agenda, which has been circulated under cover of EC-85/8/Rev.2, dated 6 July 2017:

1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Opening statement by the Director-General
4. Reports by the Vice-Chairpersons on the activities conducted under their respective clusters of issues
5. General debate
6. Status of implementation of the Convention:
  - (a) Reports by the Director-General on destruction-related issues
  - (b) Implementation of the Conference of the States Parties and Executive Council decisions on destruction-related issues

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- (c) Elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme
  - (d) Other verification-related issues
  - (e) Destruction-related plans and facility agreements
  - (f) Verification Implementation Report for 2016
  - (g) Technical Secretariat's activities: update on the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria
  - (h) Timely submission of declarations under Article VI
  - (i) Article VII: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat
  - (j) The content of the assistance-and-protection data bank and its use
  - (k) Article X: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat
  - (l) Article XI: briefing by the Technical Secretariat
  - (m) Report by the Director-General on the Technical Secretariat's readiness to conduct a challenge inspection or an investigation of alleged use
7. OPCW Central Analytical Database
  8. Report of the Scientific Advisory Board
  9. Countering chemical terrorism
  10. Draft annual report of the OPCW on the implementation of the Convention in 2016
  11. Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight
    - (a) Implementation in 2016 of the recommendations contained in the 2015 annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight
    - (b) Annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2016
  12. Administrative and financial matters:
    - (a) Report of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters
    - (b) Cash deficit for 2014
    - (c) Report on the status of implementation of the enterprise resource planning system
    - (d) OPCW confidentiality regime

- (e) Composition of the Technical Secretariat
  - (f) Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the tenure policy in 2016
13. Agreements on the privileges and immunities of the OPCW
  14. Follow-up process to the Third Review Conference<sup>2</sup>
  15. Credentials of representatives of the members of the Executive Council
  16. Provisional agenda for the Twenty-Second Session of the Conference of the States Parties
  17. Dates for regular sessions of the Executive Council in 2018
  18. Report by the Open-Ended Working Group on the Future Priorities of the OPCW
  19. Appointment of the Director-General
  20. Any other business
  21. Adoption of the report
  22. Closure
- 3. AGENDA ITEM THREE – Opening statement by the Director-General**
- The Council is **requested** to note the opening statement by the Director-General (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).
- 4. AGENDA ITEM FOUR – Reports by the Vice-Chairpersons on the activities conducted under their respective clusters of issues**
- The Vice-Chairpersons and coordinators for clusters of issues will report to the Council on informal consultations held during the intersessional period: Ambassador Roman Bužek of Slovakia on chemical weapons issues, Ambassador Fernando Arias González of Spain on chemical-industry and other Article VI issues, Ambassador María Teresa Infante of Chile on administrative and financial issues, and Ambassador Rahma Salih Elobied of the Sudan on legal, organisational, and other issues.
- 5. AGENDA ITEM FIVE – General debate**

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<sup>2</sup> Third Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Chemical Weapons Convention.

**6. AGENDA ITEM SIX – Status of implementation of the Convention**

**Subitem 6(a): Reports by the Director-General on destruction-related issues**

- 6.1 Further to a decision by the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”) at its Sixteenth Session (C-16/DEC.11, dated 1 December 2011), the Council is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the overall progress with respect to the destruction of the remaining chemical weapons stockpiles (EC-85/DG.23, dated 3 July 2017).
- 6.2 Further to a decision by the Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session (EC-67/DEC.6, dated 15 February 2012), the Council is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the overall progress of the destruction of abandoned chemical weapons (EC-85/DG.26, dated 5 July 2017).

**Subitem 6(b): Implementation of the Conference of the States Parties and Executive Council decisions on destruction-related issues**

- 6.3 The Secretariat is expected to brief the Council on its destruction-related verification activities.
- 6.4 The States Parties concerned are expected to brief the Council on their destruction-related activities.
- 6.5 Further to a decision by the Conference at its Sixteenth Session (C-16/DEC.11), the Council is **requested** to consider and note a national paper by the Russian Federation on the progress made on the completion of the destruction of its chemical weapons, including information on measures to accelerate such progress, and identifying progress made since the last briefing in order to meet the planned completion date. This report is also to include reporting on any specific measures undertaken to overcome problems in the destruction programme (EC-85/P/NAT.5, dated 16 June 2017).
- 6.6 Further to the same decision by the Conference at its Sixteenth Session (C-16/DEC.11), the Council is **requested** to consider and note a national paper by the United States of America on the progress made on the completion of the destruction of its chemical weapons, including information on measures to accelerate such progress, and identifying progress made since the last briefing in order to meet the planned completion date. This report is also to include reporting on any specific measures undertaken to overcome problems in the destruction programme (EC-85/NAT.3, dated 22 June 2017).
- 6.7 The Council is **requested** to consider and note the report of the visit by the Chairperson of the Council and representatives of the Council to the Blue Grass Chemical Agent Destruction Pilot Plant and Static Detonation Chamber, Kentucky, the United States of America, from 2 to 6 April 2017 (EC-85/5, dated 24 May 2017 and Corr.1, dated 8 June 2017).
- 6.8 Further to the aforementioned decision by the Conference at its Sixteenth Session (C-16/DEC.11), the Council is **requested** to consider and note a national paper by Libya on the progress made on the completion of the destruction of its chemical

weapons, including information on measures to accelerate such progress, and identifying progress made since the last briefing in order to meet the planned completion date. This report is also to include reporting on any specific measures undertaken to overcome problems in the destruction programme (EC-85/NAT.4, dated 15 June 2017).

- 6.9 Further to its decision at its Fifty-Third Meeting on the “Plan for the Destruction of Libya’s Remaining Category 2 Chemical Weapons Outside the Territory of Libya” (EC-M-53/DEC.1, dated 26 August 2016), the Council is **requested** to consider and note the monthly reports by the Director-General on the implementation of the plan, including any problems relating to its implementation (EC-85/DG.1, dated 23 March 2017; EC-85/DG.4, dated 24 April 2017; EC-85/DG.9, dated 24 May 2017; and EC-85/DG.20, dated 23 June 2017).
- 6.10 Further to its decision at its previous session (EC-84/DEC.2, dated 8 March 2017), the Council is **requested** to consider and note a national paper by Iraq entitled “Report to the Eighty-Fifth Session of the Executive Council on Progress Achieved Towards Destruction of the Chemical Weapon Remnants Stored at the Al Muthana Site” (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).
- 6.11 Further to a decision by the Council at its Sixty-Seventh Session (EC-67/DEC.6) and the destruction plan beyond the year 2016 for the chemical weapons abandoned by Japan in China (EC-84/NAT.6, dated 2 March 2017) attached as Annex 2 to the Council’s decision EC-67/DEC.6, and adopted by the Council at its Eighty-Fourth Session (paragraph 6.14 of EC-84/2, dated 9 March 2017), a national paper by China (EC-85/NAT.6, dated 27 June 2017) and a national paper by Japan (EC-85/NAT.5, dated 22 June 2017) on the overall progress of the destruction of chemical weapons abandoned by Japan on the territory of China have been circulated to the members of the Council.
- 6.12 The Council is **requested** to consider and note the report of the visit by the Chairperson of the Council and representatives of the Council to the Haerbaling abandoned chemical weapons destruction site, Jilin Province, China, from 12 to 16 June 2017 (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations).

**Subitem 6(c): Elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme**

- 6.13 Further to its decision at its Eighty-Third Session (EC-83/DEC.5, dated 11 November 2016), the Council decided to place “Elimination of the Syrian Chemical Weapons Programme” on the agenda of all future Council sessions until the Council determines that all elements of the Syrian chemical weapons programme have been eliminated.
- 6.14 The Council is **requested** to note Notes by the Director-General reporting on progress in the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme (EC-85/DG.2, dated 23 March 2017; EC-85/DG.5, dated 24 April 2017; EC-85/DG.11, dated 24 May 2017; and EC-85/DG.21, dated 23 June 2017).

- 6.15 The Council is **requested** to note the national papers by the Syrian Arab Republic on the activities related to the destruction of Syrian chemical weapons and their production facilities (EC-85/P/NAT.1, dated 13 March 2017; EC-85/P/NAT.2, dated 18 April 2017; EC-85/P/NAT.3, dated 16 May 2017; and EC-85/P/NAT.4, dated 19 June 2017).
- 6.16 Pursuant to subparagraph 12(a) of its decision entitled “OPCW-United Nations Joint Investigative Mechanism Reports on Chemical Weapons Use in the Syrian Arab Republic” (EC-83/DEC.5, dated 11 November 2016), the Council decided that the Director-General shall regularly inform the Council on the implementation of this decision. In paragraph 11 of the same decision, the Council decided that the Secretariat shall conduct inspections twice a year at the Barzah facilities of the Syrian Scientific Studies and Research Centre (SSRC) and twice a year at the Jamrayah SSRC facilities. The Council is **requested** to note a report by the Director-General entitled “First Inspections at the Barzah and Jamrayah Syrian Scientific Studies and Research Centre Facilities in the Syrian Arab Republic in Accordance with Decision EC-83/DEC.5 (dated 11 November 2016)” (EC-85/DG.16, dated 2 June 2017).
- 6.17 The Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General entitled “Report on the Work of the Declaration Assessment Team” (EC-85/DG.25, dated 4 July 2017).

**Subitem 6(d): Other verification-related issues**

- 6.18 The Secretariat is expected to brief the Council on its other verification-related activities.
- 6.19 Further to the decision of the Council at its Sixty-Sixth Session on the policy guidelines for determining the number of Article VI inspections (EC-66/DEC.10, dated 7 October 2011), the Council is **requested** to note a report by the Director-General on the results of the fifth year of implementation of these policy guidelines (EC-85/DG.3, dated 10 April 2017).

**Subitem 6(e): Destruction-related plans and facility agreements**

- 6.20 The Secretariat has submitted to the Council a Note on amendments, modifications, and updates to the facility agreement with Serbia for a Schedule 1 protective purposes facility (EC-85/S/1, dated 19 May 2017).
- 6.21 Proposed amendments to the aforementioned facility agreement have been submitted separately to the Council, which is **requested** to consider and approve them (EC-85/DEC/CRP.1, dated 19 May 2017 and EC-85/HP/DEC/CRP.1, dated 16 May 2017).
- 6.22 The Secretariat has also submitted a Note on modifications to the facility agreement between the OPCW and the Russian Federation regarding on-site inspections at the chemical weapons destruction facility (CWDF) located at Kizner, Udmurt Republic, the Russian Federation (EC-85/S/2, dated 16 June 2017).
- 6.23 The Council is **requested** to consider and approve amendments to the agreed detailed plan for verification of the destruction of the Category 1 chemical weapons at the CWDF located at Kizner, Udmurt Republic, the Russian Federation

(EC-85/DEC/CRP.4, dated 16 June 2017 and EC-85/P/DEC/CRP.3, dated 6 June 2017).

- 6.24 The Council is **requested** to note a national paper by Panama entitled “Concept Plan for the Destruction of Eight Old Chemical Weapons” (EC-85/NAT.2, dated 16 June 2017) and to consider and adopt a draft decision on the arrangement between the OPCW and Panama governing inspections at San José Island, Panama (EC-85/DEC/CRP.3, dated 16 June 2017).
- 6.25 The Secretariat has also submitted a Note on amendments and modifications to the agreed detailed plan for verification and the facility agreement with the United States of America regarding on-site inspections at the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant Chemical Weapons Destruction Facility, Pueblo, Colorado, the United States of America (EC-85/S/4, dated 4 July 2017).
- 6.26 Proposed amendments to the aforementioned facility agreement with the United States of America have been submitted separately to the Council, which is **requested** to consider and approve them (EC-85/DEC/CRP.8, dated 4 July 2017). Related amendments to the agreed detailed plan for verification of the destruction of chemical weapons at the CWDF located at the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant, Pueblo, Colorado, the United States of America, are treated in paragraph 6.27 below.
- 6.27 The Council is **requested** to consider and approve amendments to the agreed detailed plan for verification of the destruction of chemical weapons at the CWDF located at the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant, Pueblo, Colorado, the United States of America (EC-85/DEC/CRP.9, dated 4 July 2017).

**Subitem 6(f): Verification Implementation Report for 2016**

- 6.28 The Council is **requested** to consider and note the Verification Implementation Report (VIR) for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2016 (EC-85/HP/DG.1, dated 15 May 2017 and Corr.1, dated 4 July 2017). The Council is also **requested** to note the Note by the Director-General on the comments and views received on the 2016 VIR (EC-85/DG.27, dated 6 July 2017), as well as the Chairperson’s summary of the informal consultations on it (EC-85/13, dated 6 July 2017).

**Subitem 6(g): Technical Secretariat’s activities: update on the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria**

- 6.29 The Director-General is expected to provide an update in regard to the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria.

**Subitem 6(h): Timely submission of declarations under Article VI**

- 6.30 Further to a decision by the Council at its Fifty-First Session (EC-51/DEC.1, dated 27 November 2007), the Council is **requested** to note a status report by the Director-General on the timely submission by States Parties of declarations under Article VI of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”) for the period from 1 January to 31 May 2017 (EC-85/DG.17, dated 16 June 2017).

**Subitem 6(i): Article VII: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat**

6.31 The Secretariat will make a presentation on the status of implementation of Article VII.

**Subitem 6(j): The content of the assistance and protection data bank and its use**

6.32 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a Note by the Secretariat on the content of the assistance and protection data bank and its use (EC-85/S/3, dated 16 June 2017).

**Subitem 6(k): Article X: briefings by the facilitator and by the Technical Secretariat**

6.33 The facilitator for this issue, Mr Martin Brož of the Czech Republic, is expected to report on the consultations carried out during the intersessional period.

6.34 The Secretariat will make a presentation on the status of implementation of Article X.

**Subitem 6(l): Article XI: briefing by the Technical Secretariat**

6.35 The Secretariat will make a presentation on the programme of activities for 2017 in relation to Article XI.

**Subitem 6(m): Report by the Director-General on the Technical Secretariat's readiness to conduct a challenge inspection or an investigation of alleged use**

6.36 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a Note by the Director-General reporting on the readiness of the Secretariat to conduct a challenge inspection or an investigation of alleged use (EC-85/DG.13, dated 31 May 2017).

**7. AGENDA ITEM SEVEN – OPCW Central Analytical Database**

7.1 Further to its consideration of this issue at its previous session, the Council is **requested** to consider a Note by the Director-General on the lists of new validated data of non-scheduled chemicals for approval by the Council for inclusion in the OPCW Central Analytical Database (EC-84/DG.13/Rev.1, dated 19 May 2017) and to adopt a draft decision on the matter (EC-84/DEC/CRP.3/Rev.1, dated 19 May 2017).

7.2 The Council is also **requested** to consider a Note by the Director-General on the lists of new validated data of scheduled chemicals for approval by the Council for inclusion in the OPCW Central Analytical Database (EC-85/DG.14, dated 31 May 2017) and to adopt a draft decision on the matter (EC-85/DEC/CRP.2, dated 31 May 2017).

**8. AGENDA ITEM EIGHT – Report of the Scientific Advisory Board**

8.1 The report of the Twenty-Fifth Session of the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB-25/1\*, dated 31 March 2017) has been circulated to the members of the Council.



8.2 A Note by the Director-General entitled “The Impact of the Developments in Science and Technology in the Context of the Chemical Weapons Convention” (EC-85/DG.8, dated 19 May 2017 and Corr.1, dated 31 May 2017) has been circulated to the members of the Council.

**9. AGENDA ITEM NINE – Countering chemical terrorism**

9.1 The Chairperson of the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) on Terrorism, Ambassador Momar Diop of Senegal, is expected to brief the Council on the work of the OEWG during the intersessional period.

9.2 Further to its consideration of this issue at its previous session, the Council is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision entitled “Addressing the Threat Posed by the Use of Chemical Weapons by Non-State Actors” (EC-82/DEC/CRP.4/Rev.2, dated 28 June 2017).

**10. AGENDA ITEM TEN – Draft annual report of the OPCW on the implementation of the Convention in 2016**

The Council is **requested** to consider the “Draft Report of the OPCW on the Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction in 2016” (EC-85/CRP.1, dated 3 May 2017), and to forward it to the Conference for consideration at its Twenty-Second Session.

**11. AGENDA ITEM ELEVEN – Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight**

**Subitem 11(a): Implementation in 2016 of the recommendations contained in the 2015 annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight**

11.1 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the implementation in 2016 of the recommendations contained in the 2015 annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight (OIO) (EC-85/DG.12, dated 26 May 2017).

11.2 The facilitator for this issue, Mr Hiroshi Sanomura of Japan, is expected to report on the consultations held during the intersessional period.

**Subitem 11(b): Annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2016**

11.3 The Council is **requested** to consider and note the annual report of the OIO for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2016 (EC-85/DG.10 C-22/DG.4, dated 24 May 2017), which the Director-General has submitted to it, along with his comments. The Council is also **requested** to make any comments it deems appropriate on the report. In accordance with Financial Regulation 12.5, the Director-General will transmit the report to the Conference at its Twenty-Second Session, together with his own comments and any that the Council may deem appropriate.

**12. AGENDA ITEM TWELVE – Administrative and financial matters**

**Subitem 12(a): Report of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters**

- 12.1 The Council is **requested** to consider and note the report of the Forty-Second Session of the Advisory Body on Administrative and Financial Matters (ABAF), which took place from 6 to 9 June 2017 (ABAF-42/1, dated 9 June 2017), and a Note by the Director-General containing comments on the report of the ABAF at that session (EC-85/DG.24, dated 4 July 2017).
- 12.2 The Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Secretariat on a nomination for membership of the ABAF (this document will be assigned an official reference number when it is made available to delegations) and to appoint Mr Wolfgang Rechenhofer of Germany, to replace Mrs Claudia Spahl, retroactive to the date of the letter of nomination for Mr Rechenhofer (4 July 2017).

**Subitem 12(b): Cash deficit for 2014**

- 12.3 Further to its consideration of this issue at its previous session, the Council is **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision to suspend, on an exceptional basis, the application of Financial Regulation 6.3 in respect of the allocation among States Parties of cash surpluses in light of the cash deficit for the year 2014 and to review the treatment of future cash surpluses as and when such surpluses are determined (EC-83/DEC/CRP.2/Rev.1, dated 23 February 2017).

**Subitem 12(c): Report on the status of implementation of the enterprise resource planning system**

- 12.4 Further to the decision by the Conference at its Nineteenth Session on the implementation of an enterprise resource planning (ERP) system and the establishment of a special fund for this purpose (C-19/DEC.7, dated 3 December 2014), the Council is **requested** to note a Note by the Director-General reporting on the status of implementation of the ERP system (EC-85/DG.18, dated 16 June 2017).

**Subitem 12(d): OPCW confidentiality regime**

- 12.5 The Council is **requested** to note a report by the Director-General on the OPCW confidentiality regime (EC-85/DG.22 C-22/DG.6, dated 23 June 2017) and to consider and adopt a draft decision on amendments to the OPCW Policy on Confidentiality (EC-85/DEC/CRP.5, dated 23 June 2017). The Council is also **requested** to consider and adopt a draft decision on amendments to the OPCW Media and Public Affairs Policy (EC-85/DEC/CRP.6, dated 23 June 2017).

**Subitem 12(e): Composition of the Technical Secretariat**

- 12.6 The Council is **requested** to note the Director-General's annual report on the composition of the Secretariat (EC-85/DG.7, dated 18 May 2017).

**Subitem 12(f): Report by the Director-General on the implementation of the tenure policy in 2016**

- 12.7 The Council is **requested** to consider and note a report by the Director-General on the implementation of the tenure policy in 2016 (EC-85/DG.6, dated 5 May 2017 and Corr.1, dated 10 May 2017).

**13. AGENDA ITEM THIRTEEN – Agreements on the privileges and immunities of the OPCW**

The Council is **requested** to consider and conclude an agreement between the OPCW and Romania on the privileges and immunities of the OPCW (EC-85/DEC/CRP.7, dated 3 July 2017).

**14. AGENDA ITEM FOURTEEN – Follow-up process to the Third Review Conference**

At its Seventy-Third Session, the Council requested the Director-General to submit to each regular session of the Council the updated version of the "Matrix of Actionable Items Identified at the Third Review Conference" (paragraph 13.1 of EC-73/6, dated 19 July 2013), which the Council is **requested** to consider and note (EC-83/S/5/Add.2, dated 5 July 2017).

**15. AGENDA ITEM FIFTEEN – Credentials of representatives of the members of the Executive Council**

The Council is **requested** to consider and approve a report by the Director-General on the credentials of representatives of members of the Council, which covers the credentials of the newly elected members of the Council (EC-85/DG.19, dated 22 June 2017).

**16. AGENDA ITEM SIXTEEN – Provisional agenda for the Twenty-Second Session of the Conference of the States Parties**

The Council is **requested** to draw up the provisional agenda for the Twenty-Second Session of the Conference (EC-85/DG.15/Rev.1, dated 8 June 2017).

**17. AGENDA ITEM SEVENTEEN – Dates for regular sessions of the Executive Council in 2018**

The Council is **requested** to consider dates for its regular sessions in 2018.

**18. AGENDA ITEM EIGHTEEN – Report by the Open-Ended Working Group on the Future Priorities of the OPCW**

Pursuant to the decision of the Council on the establishment of an OEWG on the Future Priorities of the OPCW (OEWG-FP) (EC-82/DEC.2, dated 14 July 2016), the Co-Chairpersons of the OEWG-FP, Ambassador Sabine Nölke of Canada and Ambassador Vusi Bruce Koloane of South Africa, will report to the Council on the progress achieved.

**19. AGENDA ITEM NINETEEN – Appointment of the Director-General**

- 19.1 At its previous session, the Council adopted a decision on the process for the appointment of the Director-General (EC-84/DEC.7, dated 9 March 2017).
- 19.2 In the context of the above decision, the Council requested its Chairperson to invite, on the Council's behalf, States Parties to present their nominations of candidates by no later than 23 June 2017, to enable their consideration at the Eighty-Fifth Session of the Council. The Council further requested its Chairperson to undertake, as soon as possible, consultations on issues related to the appointment of the Director-General and other actions that the Chairperson deems appropriate, with a view to assisting the Council in adopting its recommendation to the Conference at its Twenty-Second Session, in conformity with paragraph 43 of Article VIII of the Convention.
- 19.3 Notes by the Chairperson of the Council on the nomination of candidates for the appointment to the position of Director-General by Spain (EC-85/1, dated 31 March 2017), the Republic of Korea (EC-85/2, dated 2 May 2017), Denmark (EC-85/3, dated 4 May 2017), Hungary (EC-85/4, dated 4 May 2017), Burkina Faso (EC-85/6, dated 31 May 2017), Lithuania (EC-85/7, dated 31 May 2017), Iraq (EC-85/10, dated 8 June 2017), and the United Republic of Tanzania (EC-85/11, dated 20 June 2017) were circulated to the members of the Council and all other States Parties.
- 19.4 The Chairperson of the Council, Ambassador Sheikh Mohammed Belal of Bangladesh, carried out consultations with all regional groups, as well as with individual representatives who had requested a meeting with him to discuss issues related to the appointment of the Director-General, as well as with some of the candidates at their request.
- 19.5 Further to the consultations held, the Chairperson of the Council issued a note on the arrangements for the presentations to the Council by candidates for appointment to the position of Director-General (EC-85/9, dated 7 June 2017), which was circulated to the members of the Council and all other States Parties.
- 19.6 The Chairperson of the Council issued a Note on consultations on issues related to the appointment of the Director-General (EC-85/12, dated 28 June 2017).

- 20. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY – Any other business**
- 21. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-ONE – Adoption of the report**
- 22. AGENDA ITEM TWENTY-TWO – Closure**

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